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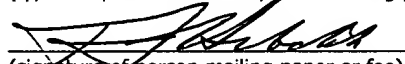
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Serial No.: 09/582,522)
Filing Date: April 10, 2000)
For: **A GEL COMPOSITION FOR)
SKIN CARE AND PROTECTION)
AND A METHOD OF)
PREPARATION THEREOF)**

Group Art Unit:
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Examiner:
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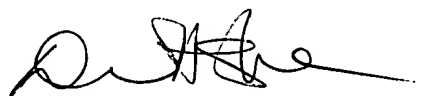
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See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL WITH R.C.E.

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Remarks is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 19, 2002 and the Advisory Action mailed January 14, 2003 for the above referenced application. Claims 1-6 and 9-31 are pending in this application. Claims 1-6 and 9-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2. The Examiner also rejected claims 1-6 and 9-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In the Advisory Action of January 14, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the Amendments requested in the Amendment After Final of December 18, 2002 would not be entered, although the arguments were considered. The Examiner continued her rejections of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 on the grounds that "Dead Sea water" and water "resembling Dead Sea water" were still indefinite.